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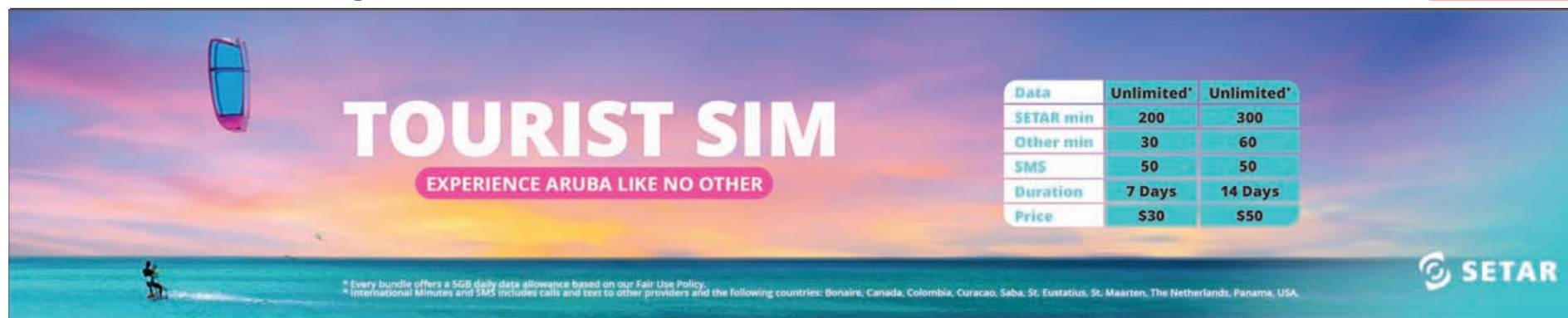
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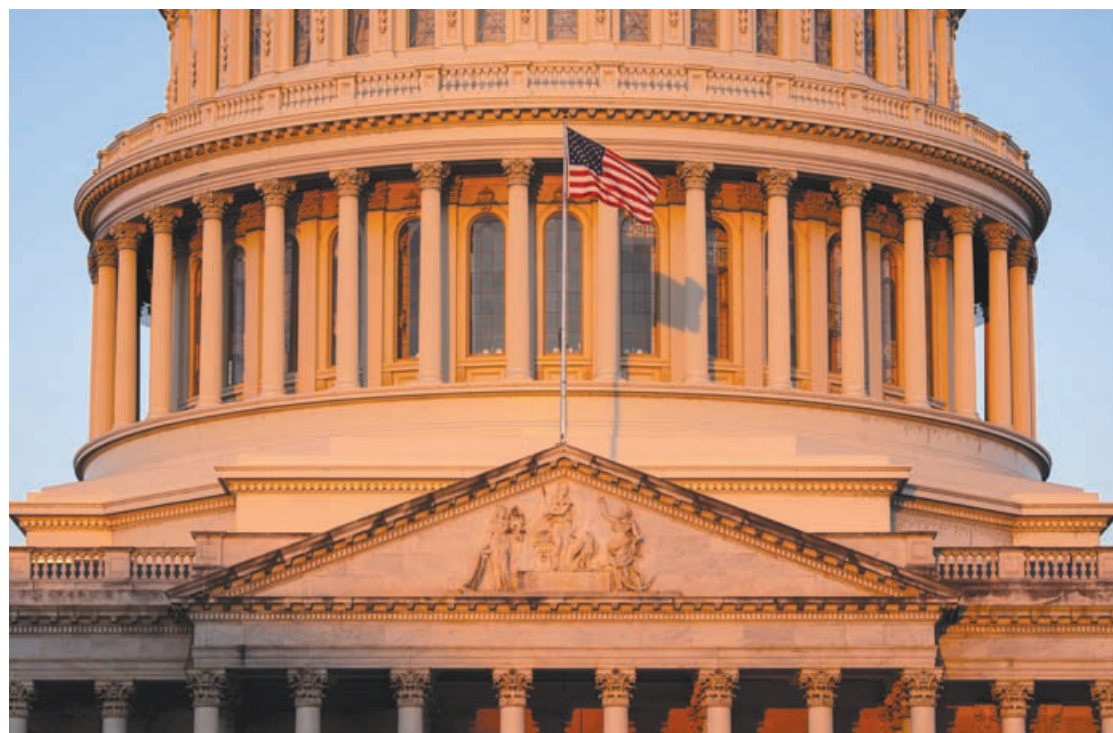
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Trump administration threatens no back pay for federal workers in shutdown



The Capitol is illuminated at dawn in Washington, Monday, Oct. 6, 2025.

Associated Press

By LISA MASCARO
AP Congressional Correspondent

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump's administration warned on Tuesday of no guaranteed back pay for federal workers during a government shutdown, reversing what has been long-standing policy for some 750,000 furloughed employees, according to a memo being circulated by the White House. Trump signed into law after the longest government shutdown in 2019 legislation to ensure federal workers receive back pay during any federal funding lapse. But in the new memo, his Office of Management and Budget says back pay must be provided by Congress, if it chooses to do so, as part of any bill to fund the government. The move by the Republican administration was widely seen as a strong-arm tactic a way to pressure lawmakers to reopen

the government, now in the seventh day of a shutdown.

"There are some people that don't deserve to be taken care of, and we'll take care of them in a different way," Trump said during an event at the White House.

He said back pay "depends on who we're talking about." Asked a second time about backpay for furloughed federal workers given that the requirement is spelled out in law, Trump said: "I follow the law, and what the law says is correct."

Refusing retroactive pay to the workers, some of whom must remain on the job as essential employees, would be a stark departure from norms and practices and almost certainly would be met with legal action.

While federal workers as well as service members of the military have often missed paychecks during past shutdowns, they are almost always reimbursed

once the government re-opens.

"That should turn up the urgency and the necessity of the Democrats doing the right thing here," House Speaker Mike Johnson said at a press conference at the Capitol.

Johnson, a lawyer, said he hadn't fully read the memo but "there are some legal analysts who are saying" that it may not be necessary or appropriate to repay the federal workers. But Democratic Sen. Patty Murray of Washington blasted the Trump administration as defying the law.

"Another baseless attempt to try and scare & intimidate workers by an administration run by crooks and cowards," said Murray, who is the ranking lawmaker on the Senate Appropriations Committee.

"The letter of the law is as plain as can be federal workers, including furloughed workers, are entitled to their backpay following a shutdown." □



A title sign sits outside a Planned Parenthood branch, May 16, 2023, in Pasadena, Calif.

Associated Press

A judge has blocked a Trump administration effort to change teen pregnancy prevention programs

By GEOFF MULVIHILL
Associated Press

A judge Tuesday blocked President Donald Trump's administration from requiring recipients of federal teen pregnancy prevention grants to comply with Trump's orders aimed at curtailing "radical indoctrination" and "gender ideology."

The ruling is a victory for three Planned Parenthood affiliates in California, Iowa and New York that sued to try to block enforcement of a U.S. Department of Human Services policy document issued in July that they contend contradict the requirements of the grants as established by Congress.

U.S. District Judge Beryl Howell, who was appointed to the bench by former President Barack Obama, blasted the administration's policy change in her written ruling, saying it was "motivated solely by political concerns, devoid of any considered process or analysis, and ignorant of the statutory emphasis on evidence-based programming."

The policy requiring changes to the pregnancy prevention program was part of the fallout from a series of executive orders Trump signed starting in his first day back in the White House aimed at rolling back recognition of LGBTQ+ people and diversity, equity and inclusion efforts.

In the policy, the administration objected to teaching that promotes same-sex marriage and that "normalizes, or promotes sexual activity for minors."

The Planned Parenthood affiliates argued that the new directives were at odds with requirements of the program and that they were so vague it wasn't clear what needed to be done to follow them.

Howell agreed. □

National Guard members from Texas are in Illinois in Trump's latest move to send troops to cities

By ERIN HOOLEY and CHRISTINE FERNANDO

Associated Press

ELWOOD, Ill. (AP) — National Guard members from Texas were at an Army Reserve center in Illinois on Tuesday, the most visible sign yet of the Trump administration's plan to send troops to the Chicago area despite a lawsuit and vigorous opposition from Democratic elected leaders. Illinois Gov. JB Pritzker, who has accused President Donald Trump of using troops as "political props" and "pawns," did not immediately comment on the development.

The Associated Press saw military personnel in uniforms with the Texas National Guard patch at the U.S. Army Reserve Center in Elwood, 55 miles (89 kilometers) southwest of Chicago. Trucks marked Emergency Disaster Services pulled in and out, dropping off portable toilets and other supplies. Trailers were set up in rows.

The exact mission was not immediately clear, though the Trump administration has an aggressive immigration enforcement operation in the nation's third-largest city, and protesters have frequently rallied at an immigration building outside the city in Broadview.

Trump's bid to deploy the military on U.S. soil over local opposition has triggered a conflict with blue state governors. Illinois and Chicago are urging a federal judge to intervene and stop "Trump's long-declared 'War'" on the state. A court hearing on their lawsuit is scheduled for Thursday. In Oregon, a judge over the weekend blocked the Guard's deployment to Portland.

Illinois: We don't need troops

Pritzker had said Monday that Illinois National Guard troops would be activated, along with 400 from Texas. Texas Republican Gov. Greg Abbott posted a picture on social media showing troops boarding a plane and declared, "ever ready."

Chicago Mayor Brandon Johnson said the president's strategy is "unconstitutional, it's illegal and it's dangerous." The Trump administration has portrayed the cities as war-ravaged and lawless amid its crackdown on illegal immigration. Officials in Illinois and Oregon, however, say military intervention isn't needed and that federal involvement is inflaming the situation.

Trump has said he would be willing to invoke the Insurrection Act, which allows a president to dispatch active duty military in states that are unable to put down an insurrection or are defying federal law. "If people were being killed, and courts were holding us up, or governors or mayors were holding us up," Trump said Monday.

Months of tension

The sight of armed Border Patrol agents making arrests near famous landmarks has amplified concerns from Chicagoans already uneasy after an immigration crackdown that began last month. Agents have targeted immigrant-heavy and largely Latino areas.

The Chicago mayor signed an executive order Monday barring federal immigration agents and others from using city-owned property, such as parking lots, garages and vacant lots, as staging areas for enforcement operations. In Memphis, Tennessee, meanwhile, police Chief Cerelyn Davis said Guard troops could arrive by Friday. She said a small group of commanders were already in the city, working on planning and logistics.

Republican Gov. Bill Lee, who supports the effort, has said the troops will be deputized by the U.S. Marshals Service to "play a critical support role" for local law enforcement, though that role hasn't been precisely defined yet.

A broad military strategy

Since starting his second term, Trump has sent or talked about sending troops to 10 cities, including Baltimore; Memphis; the District of Columbia; New Orleans; and the California cities of Oakland, San Francisco and Los Angeles. □



Protesters confront federal law enforcement officers outside a U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement facility in Portland, Ore., Monday, Oct. 6, 2025.

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Minnesota Governor Tim Walz, right, meets with Crown Prince Haakon of Norway to arrive at the Capitol in St Paul on Tuesday, Oct. 7, 2025.

Associated Press

Norwegian Crown Prince Haakon visits Minnesota to mark 200 years of emigration to the U.S.

By **STEVE KARNOWSKI**

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Norwegian Crown Prince Haakon visited Minnesota on Tuesday as part of a tour marking the 200th anniversary of organized emigration from his homeland to the United States, highlighting the deep connections between the two countries. The Upper Midwest has some of the largest concentrations of Scandinavian Americans in the U.S., and Minnesota has well over 800,000 residents who claim Norwegian ancestry, according to state demographers. That's more than any other state. Nearly 5 million North Americans have Norwegian roots. Haakon highlights the Norway-Minnesota connection.

The crown prince began the day in Minneapolis at Norway House, which brings contemporary Norway to the U.S. through arts, commerce and culture. He was greeted by a large crowd, including women, girls and boys wearing colorful traditional bunad costumes, and others clad in more modern Norwegian sweaters.

"For generations, the United

States and Norway have stood side by side," he said at a business summit. "Building on this partnership, we can continue to develop solutions that are sustainable, innovative and future-oriented."

Haakon also cut a ribbon to open Norway House's new Saga Center. It's an immersive, interactive exhibit for families to explore their connections with Norway, where they can also navigate 3D outdoor and urban landscapes to learn about the country's friluftsliv (outdoor life) and byliv (city life).

Then pays a call on the governor. Haakon then went to the state Capitol in nearby St. Paul to meet with Gov. Tim Walz, who said his state takes deep pride in its Norwegian heritage, calling it "foundational to what we are as Minnesotans."

The crown prince noted that a third of Norway's population left in the first 100 years of mass emigration, with 800,000 heading to the U.S.

"Some people, analysts have had a theory that everyone with any initiative left for the United States in that period," Haakon told

reporters, jokingly. "I hope that for those of us who stayed, that's not entirely true. ... I think, in Norway, we developed at the same time. And today there's very much a benefit from that history, because, of course, bonds between nations (are) bonds between persons, people." Stops along the way for the crown prince.

The crown prince's agenda also included a visit to Mindekirken, the Norwegian Lutheran Memorial Church in Minneapolis, which still holds services in Norwegian. Haakon's mother, Queen Sonja, visited the church in 2022 for its 100th anniversary. Haakon also has a visit set for Wednesday to St. Olaf College in Northfield, a school south of Minneapolis that was founded by Norwegian immigrants and has hosted several royal visits. Haakon began his tour Monday at Vesterheim, a museum in Decorah, Iowa, that tells the story of Norwegian immigrants. He met there with three descendants of people who arrived on the Restauration, a ship carrying 52 Norwegians that left July 4, 1825, from Stavanger. □



A medical helicopter is shown after it crashed on Highway 50 Monday, Oct. 6, 2025, in Sacramento, Calif.

Associated Press

Motorists lift medical helicopter to rescue woman after crash injuring 3 on California highway

By **HALLIE GOLDEN**

Associated Press

A medical helicopter crashed on a highway in California's capital, critically injuring three people aboard, including a woman who was pinned underneath and was rescued with the help of motorists who lifted part of the aircraft, officials said.

The helicopter landed upside down Monday evening and left debris scattered across State Route 50 east of downtown Sacramento. The aircraft had departed a hospital after dropping off a patient when it experienced an "in-air emergency" and went down just after 7 p.m., said Captain Justin Sylvia with the Sacramento Fire Department.

A pilot, nurse and paramedic were taken to hospitals in critical condition, he said. No one on the highway was injured, he said, calling that "mind blowing" given that the helicopter crashed in the center of the eastbound lanes.

"People reported that they basically saw the helicopter kind of going down quickly. So all the traffic slowed down," Sylvia said.

An injured woman was trapped underneath the helicopter and a crew from the fire department was able to work with motorists to push the aircraft off and get her into an ambulance.

"It took every ounce of all approximately 15 people to move that aircraft up just enough to get her out," he said. Aimee Braddock was among those who helped. She told KCRA-TV that she rushed to the crash site after seeing the helicopter plummet to the pavement.

"As soon as I saw that everybody was moving to try to push the helicopter out to help the first responders get to the passenger, I just ran over and got in the line of people and was just pushing it as much as I could," Braddock recounted. "Then we held it for several minutes, so the first responder could get the person out."

The helicopter did not catch on fire, Sylvia said.

The National Transportation Safety Board and the Federal Aviation Administration said they were investigating the crash of the Airbus EC-130 T2.

Eastbound lanes of the highway were closed throughout the night and reopened Tuesday morning.

The aircraft was a REACH Air Medical helicopter, according to the company, which said in a statement that they "are keeping all those impacted in our thoughts and prayers." □

Macron's political isolation deepens as allies abandon him, with some calling for his resignation

By **SAMUEL PETREQUIN and JOHN LEICESTER**
Associated Press

PARIS (AP) — Embattled French President Emmanuel Macron suffered a fresh blow Tuesday with two of his former prime ministers sharply distancing themselves from him as he faced growing pressure to resign after the collapse of his latest government.

Édouard Philippe was Macron's first prime minister after he swept to power in 2017, and Gabriel Attal had previously been one of the French president's most loyal lieutenants, appointed prime minister in January 2024, during Macron's second term. Attal then made his displeasure known with Macron's stunning decision in June 2024 to dissolve parliament's powerful lower house — the root of the current crisis.

Their separate decisions to now draw a line between themselves and Macron illustrated how the president's authority is being sapped by his inability to deliver stable governance. Political turmoil has gripped France for more than a year, flowing from the National Assembly dissolution that triggered fresh elec-



Then French Defense minister Sébastien Lecornu, right, and France's President Emmanuel Macron talk at the end of an address by the president to army leaders in Paris Sunday July 13, 2025.

Associated Press

tions. The result was a Parliament stacked with opponents of Macron who have brought down his minority governments one after another.

Attal, speaking Monday night to broadcaster TF1, struck the first blow, saying: "Like many French people, I no longer understand the president's decisions."

Philippe then piled on more pressure Tuesday, saying

that Macron should call early presidential elections and step down after the National Assembly adopts a 2026 budget. Macron has previously said that he'll see out his second and last presidential term to its end in 2027. Philippe said Macron "should say we cannot let what we have been experiencing for the past six months drag on. Another 18 months would be far

too long and would harm France."

Lecornu's uphill mission

The latest crisis erupted with the abrupt resignation on Monday of Prime Minister Sébastien Lecornu — Macron's fourth prime minister since the dissolution, after Attal, Michel Barnier and François Bayrou.

After accepting Lecornu's resignation, Macron then gave his 39-year-old ally

another 48 hours to hold more "final negotiations" in the interest of national stability, an apparent last-ditch effort to find some sort of exit to the latest impasse and buy the French leader some time to decide on his next step.

Lecornu met Tuesday with officials from the so-called Socle Commun or "common platform" — a coalition of conservatives and centrists who had provided a base of support, albeit shaky, for Macron's prime ministers before shattering when Lecornu named a new Cabinet on Sunday night.

The new government then collapsed less than 14 hours later, when conservative heavyweight Bruno Retailleau withdrew his support.

The left wants to govern, the far right calls for new elections

Macron, now at record-low approval ratings, has not indicated his next move. His rivals have suggested three options: resign, call new elections, or appoint a prime minister from outside his political camp.

The third option, known as "cohabitation," has been championed by left-wing parties. □

Bonaire residents sue the Netherlands over climate inaction

By **MOLLY QUELL**
Associated Press

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) — A farmer, a prison guard, and a teacher were among residents of the Dutch Caribbean island of Bonaire to speak in a Hague courtroom Tuesday and accuse the Netherlands of not doing enough to protect them from the effects of climate change. The case, backed by Greenpeace, follows a series of international landmark rulings that found governments have broad obligations to protect their citizens from increasing temperatures and rising sea levels.

Farmer Onnie Emerenciana flew 4,000 miles to tell the judges how warmer

temperatures and drought have impacted his livelihood and reduced crop yields. The 62-year-old also said that for those who can't afford air-conditioning, summers have turned their places into "prisons of concrete," and demanded the Dutch government do more to help the self-governing island and former Dutch colony.

Bonaire, along with two other islands, St. Eustatius and Saba, became special Dutch municipalities in 2010. The island's 20,000 residents are Dutch citizens.

The Netherlands "presents itself internationally as a champion of ambitious climate policy. The problem is that the state is not put-

ting its words into action," lawyer Michael Bacon, who represents the plaintiffs, said in court.

Lawyers for the government say the country is making strides to combat climate change, citing greenhouse gas reductions and mitigation efforts. Ultimately, the state argues, addressing the problem is a matter for the government, not courts. The problem is "complex," lawyer Edward Brans told judges, and can only be solved by "political decisions."

The case is being heard at The District Court of The Hague, where the landmark Urgenda proceedings began more than a decade ago, and in 2019, the Dutch Supreme Court

ruled in favor of climate activists and ordered the government to cut greenhouse gas emissions. The Urgenda decision featured prominently in recent climate change decisions from the European Court

of Human Rights and the United Nations' highest court, the International Court of Justice. Judges. Both courts found that failing to combat climate change violated international law. □



This May 7, 2018 file photo shows the Caribbean Netherlands island of Bonaire.

Associated Press

Oversight body says South Sudan rivals have recruited fighters, raising war fears

By JOSEPH FALZETTA

Associated Press

JUBA, South Sudan (AP)

— An international ceasefire monitor says parties to South Sudan's faltering peace agreement have recruited new fighters and abducted children to participate in a conflict that observers have warned could widen again into civil war.

Tuesday's statement in the capital, Juba, said South Sudan's military in June opened a recruitment drive for 4,000 forces for peace-keeping and other purposes and that it opened a new training center in August.

The Reconstituted Joint Monitoring and Evaluation Commission, or RJMEC, is a ceasefire monitoring body overseen by a regional bloc known as IGAD.

Its statement also said the body had received reports that all sides in the conflict have abducted or mobilized children to participate, and that combatants have engaged in sexual violence.

The reports, also shared with the U.N. Security Council, are likely to fuel concern



South Sudan's President Salva Kiir attends the swearing-in ceremony for Kenya's new president William Ruto, at Kasarani stadium in Nairobi, Kenya on Sept. 13, 2022.

Associated Press

that South Sudan's government and opposition groups are preparing for a further escalation.

Renewed fighting between South Sudan's army and opposition fighters loyal to Riek Machar, who faces a criminal trial after President Salva Kiir said he had suspended him as his deputy, have intensified since the end of 2024.

That has raised concerns that the 2018 peace agreement ending the country's civil war is collapsing.

That agreement also formed a transitional government intended to carry out elections once its provisions, like the integration of forces into a national army, were fulfilled.

The transitional period has been extended twice,

most recently in September 2024. International observers and analysts say many provisions remain unfulfilled.

"If the current challenges are not urgently addressed there is a high risk of reversal of all the gains already made, and may cause a collapse of the agreement altogether," George Aggrey Owinow, the RJMEC's

interim chairman, told Tuesday's meeting.

The meeting was attended by senior members of South Sudan's government including military officials, as well as representatives of major opposition parties and most ambassadors present in the country.

It was the first time the body had met since February after repeated meetings were cancelled, some due to security concerns.

A statement read by Anita Kiki Gbeho, the second most senior U.N. official in the country, said that civilian casualties resulting from the conflict between January and September had risen 59% compared to the same period in 2024.

Roughly 321,000 people had been displaced by fighting, and incidents affecting humanitarian access had doubled from the previous year, she said.

South Sudan's minister for cabinet affairs, Martin Elia Lomuro, downplayed fears. "I would like to assure you that your concerns are in place, but they are not going to be detrimental and derail the peace process," he told the meeting. □

South American trade bloc orders Peru to crack down on mercury trafficking and illegal gold mining

By STEVEN GRATTAN

Associated Press

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP)

— A South American trade bloc ruled Monday that Peru is failing to meet its commitments to curb illegal gold mining and mercury trafficking, siding with Indigenous groups who say their Amazon rivers and food supply are being poisoned.

The decision by the Andean Community, which includes Peru, Colombia, Ecuador and Bolivia, orders Peru to urgently reform its laws, seize machinery that sucks up river sediment and other mining equipment, and end extensions of a registry for informal miners that critics say shields illegality.

It is the first time the Andean

Community has taken up a case of this kind and formally ruled against a member country as authorities try to find mechanisms to crack down on the growing trade.

Illegal gold mining has

spread widely across the Amazon as global demand and soaring gold prices make the trade increasingly lucrative. Analysts expect gold will see gains toward \$4,000 per ounce by 2026. Mercury is widely used to

separate gold from sediment, but it contaminates waterways, accumulates in fish and builds up in human bodies, posing particular risks to children and pregnant women.

Peru has 20 working days to comply and report what steps it has taken or plans to take to bring its laws into line. If it fails, the case could be referred to the bloc's Tribunal of Justice, which has the power to impose binding trade sanctions on member states.

The complaint was filed at the end of June by a coalition of Indigenous and rural communities from the Nanay River basin, who say mercury from illegal gold mining is poisoning fish and rivers in Peru's northern Amazon.

Hair samples collected in the area have shown mercury levels far above World Health Organization safety limits, and researchers have linked exposure to rashes, stomach illness and neurological damage.

"In some way it is a response to the demands of communities affected by mercury contamination, and it is also a message for other countries that they must make the effort to comply and to respect everyone's right to live in a healthy and adequate environment," said Peruvian environmental lawyer, César Ipenza. Ipenza said that if the country fails to comply, the sanctions would be economic, such as tariffs on Peruvian products within the four Andean nations. □



Boats navigate the Nanay River in the community of Belen in Iquitos, Peru, March 23, 2021.

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Aruban snacks and where to find them

ORANJESTAD — Want to taste something different for a change? How about some Aruban snacks that you can find all around the island? Hop in your car, and go to these locations to find some of the most popular and tasty snacks that are beloved by our locals.

One of the staples of Aruban cuisine and snacks is the Pastechi. Pastechi is a Caribbean fried pastry that

is filled with cheese, meat, chicken, veggies and sometimes even fish! Or perhaps you might want to try a croquette, locally called a "kroket," which is a crusty fried snack with typically a meat and dough mix filling. The Aruban kroket is based on its Dutch counterpart, the "bitterbal".

These two snacks are typically found in all local snack trucks, which can be

found all over the island, including on the side of the main road that stretches from San Nicolas to the Hotel Area. You can also find pastechis and krokets at local bakeries and snack shops, like Bright Bakery in Piedra Plat, Huchada in Santa Cruz or Pastechi House in the city center. These places may also sell other snacks and sandwiches too, perfect for on-the-road lunch break.

While you're at it, why not accompany your snack with a refreshing "batido"? Batidos are fruit shakes, typically made with added milk for some creaminess. However, you can also ask to hold the milk. Batidos are commonly found in snack shops too. You may find some batido shops next the flea markets downtown, or if you're on your way to San Nicolas, at Mauchi Smoothies and Juice Bar in Savaneta (located at the side of the main road).

If you are looking for some-



thing a bit more fresh and healthy, why not try some coconuts, or shaved ice from local vendors? These vendors carry their little shop at the back of their truck, so they are ever-moving around the island. However, there are a few spots where you can al-

most always find a coconut/shaved ice vendor:

- Right next to the Red Anchor in San Nicolas, on the way to Baby Beach.
- Along the main road next to the airport field.
- At the California Light House.
- At the Alto Vista Chapel.

These vendors may also sell other delights, like the beloved coconut-based dessert "cocada" or peanuts. All in all, in Aruba, you can always find some place to take a break and have a bite of something local, you maybe just might have to look for them! □

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Cas Floria: The Decorated Houses of Aruba



(Oranjestad)—There may be as many as 200 to 300 houses in Aruba that have beautiful decorations, including curtains, stars, flowers, half-moons, etc., placed on the corners or the upper parts of the house.

These houses can be found everywhere, in nearly every district of Aruba. People always thought that these designs came from an Indigenous culture; possibly, the star design resembled the way it was shown, similar to the "God Sun" of the Indigenous people. However, the history of this decorative system does not go very far back in time.

In his book *Millefiori di Aruba*, Father Nooyen declares that the first house to receive this type of decoration was the home of Mr. Bernardo Eman Croes in Pos Chikito. Julien (Janchi) Christiaans and Gregorio (Goy) Semeleer built this house in 1920 and created the decorations on the upper corners of the house. Other people in Pos Chikito, who saw this beautiful work, also wanted their houses decorated in the same way.

Leoncio (Joonchi) Henricus of Pos Chikito learned the work from Janchi Christiaans and, together with his son Bonifacio (Bonny) Henricus, continued decorating houses in Pos Chikito and Sabana Basora.

Janchi Christiaans, Goy Semeleer, and others from Noord, such as Hilario Christiaans, Victor Tromp, Gerardo Jacobs, and Cornelis Rosa, brought the same decoration to houses in Noord and Paradera. In 1927, Janchi Christiaans built a house for Julian Tromp in Buguruy.

This was the first house in Noord to receive this type of decoration. Later, those in Paradera, Santa Cruz, and Savaneta copied the house decorations. They practiced these systems up until 1944.

Even today, the patterns are well preserved and protected, but they are no longer used.

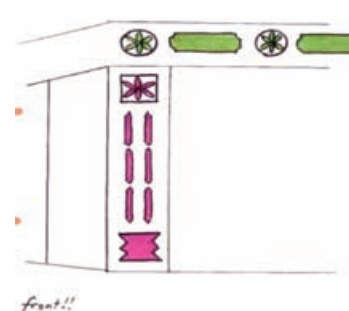
Janchi Christiaans began cutting the patterns out of zinc plates and cardboard.

He also had his own creations and systems, while Leoncio and Bonifacio Henricus produced their own fantasies. This is what made these decorations popular: many people could turn their imagination into expressive art.

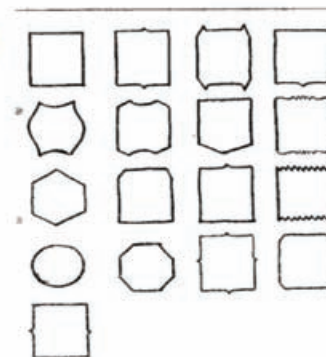
However, the decoration of houses was not originally Janchi Christiaans's idea. Janchi was a disciple of his father, Hose Christiaans, and of the Donati family, from Italian ancestors. They also made these decorations, though without using any patterns, simply designing and applying them with common plaster as the material.

Using Dr. Johan Hartog's *Aruba, Breve Historia* as reference, I noticed that he also writes that these designs are not Indigenous symbols, but only decorative fantasies. One point of disagreement is that he wrote that in 1820 someone from Curaçao began this type of decoration in Aruba.

This means that, according to Father Nooyen, who declared that it began in 1920, it would have actually started 100 years earlier. As part of his research, Ito Tromp also interviewed Mr. Julio Maduro of the Department of Labor at that time, who told him that around 1880 Johannes (Janchi) Wolff began with house decorations. And as Janchi himself



Kuadronan (frames)



said, he learned this from his grandfather, who in earlier times had built the first light-house at California Point.

After comparing his information, Ito Tromp wrote that Hartog was right concerning the period when decorated houses began in Aruba in 1820. However, it was not people from Curaçao who started it. Victor Tromp, who was 87 years old at the time of writing, was a member of Janchi Wolff's family.

Julio Maduro said that in 1920 they began again with this type of decoration. In general, there is no specific year (up to now) when Arubans first began with this decorative artistic expression. It is interesting to know that these decorations are a kind of symbol for several generations.

For example: Decorations that appear on the house of the Arends family could also be seen on the houses of the Bermudez or Croes families. This was because parents always gave a specific sign to their sons or daughters when they were getting married.

It was also said that these designs had a certain kind of voodoo purpose, to keep away the spirits of the Indigenous people who were buried in the neighborhoods where the houses now stand. However, this has almost completely disappeared.

As for the continuation of these designs from family to family, this is a cultural heritage that is no longer established. For this reason, in earlier times, every young man who married had to have his own house; otherwise, there would be no marriage.

The designs were created according to the individual's imagination. If he saw, for example, six pairs of birds on a tree, he would then paint six pairs of birds on a tree. If he wanted to express his love for his twin children, then he designed a twin.

Nowadays, if you want to use these designs for your house, don't worry—you can simply copy them and paint them. □

Source: E casnan Decora na Aruba (1976) by Ito Tromp

Important PSA regarding fake ED-cards online

(Oranjestad)—We recently have been made aware that visitors are still being scammed out of their dozens or even hundreds of dollar for an ED-card.

In July 2024, the Aruban government implemented a sustainability fee for all visitors of the island, which include a \$20 con-

tribution for the improvement, updating and maintenance of the waste water plant, RWZI.

This fee is paid once every year and is exclusively available through the official website www.edcardaruba.aw.

However, it has come to our

attention that many visitors are falling for scams online, where they are presented with various fraudulent websites that sell the ED-card (sometimes looking identical to the official website).

The Aruba Today team cares deeply for every visitor's experi-

ence on the island, so we highly advise to be aware of these scams. 'Arubaedcard.nl' and 'embarkation-aruba.com' are among the many fraudulent websites still in operation, selling fake ED-cards at exorbitant and inconsistent prices. If you notice a fake website, please report this to authorities. □

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Aruba's kite flying tradition

(Oranjestad)—Every year for King's Day, Arubans gather with friends and family to fly kites. Big or small, paper or plastic, blue skies fill up with these colorful flying contraptions, brightening our yearly celebration of the Dutch Monarch.

The tradition of flying kites starts at home in the weeks leading up to King's Day. These kites were traditionally made with things found in the nearby mondi* and in the kitchen at home. Using dried up cactus sticks for the frame, old news papers, and glue made

from flour, water and salt to dry faster (some people even use cornstarch slurry as glue), kids usually make their own kites with their friends, parents or other close family members. Tails are made from old bed sheets, ripped and tied together to create a long string of fabric trailing behind the back end of the kite. To finish off the process, people used fish lines or thin rope to tie three corners of the kite together. Another long string of rope is tied in the knotted center and bundled up, used to steer the kite as it flies in the air. Decorating the kite was

especially important, and children would use paint to create their own designs—the more colorful, the better!

People usually fly their kites in big open fields, like empty soccer and baseball fields found all around the island around noon, when the sun is at its brightest.

In the past few years, kite flying has become a sport in which groups of people would battle against each other to see whose kite is the biggest, the prettiest, and whose could fly flawlessly and longer in the air.



For this year's celebration, Centro di Bario Playa Pabao located in Madiki is organizing another edition of their kite flying event with different categories of height starting at 8AM.

Gather your family and be a part of this colorful Aruban tradition in celebration of our King Willem-Alexander's birthday!

*Mondi: Aruban woods. □

Exploring the Mainstreet of San Nicolas

SAN NICOLAS— At Just 11 miles southeast from Oranjestad you will enter the city San Nicolas, also known as Sunrise City or Chocolate City. A city that is rich in authentic culture and island charm. San Nicolas is Aruba's second largest city and was once a bustling company town dominated

by the oil industry since the early 1930's.

Over the course of four decades, its demographics had changed immensely due to a stream of Afro-Caribbean and South American workers who came to fill the jobs in the oil refinery between the 1920's

until the 1960's. To this day traces of the multicultural influences in culinary offerings and customs, housing and population are clearly visible in San Nicolas – more than anywhere else on the island.

Flow of history

If you are looking for history

San Nicolas has it.

The Museum of Industry is situated in the Water Tower in San Nicolas and narrates Aruba's industrial history which began in the 19th century. Here you will learn about gold, aloe, phosphate, oil and the tourism industries which made San Nicolas once a bustling business center. Experience the touching stories of those who were part of this history.

Nicolaas Store built in 1940 and renovated in 2014 is the home of the Community Museum. The collection is remarkable and spans millennia. Ancient fossils stand next to tableaus of an authentically recreated colonial kitchen and bedroom and 19th-century barber-shop, just to name a few of the items of old-time Aruba that has been preserved. A

collection of artifacts and other objects of artistic, cultural, historical, or scientific importance can be found here for the purpose of education or enjoyment.

The new San Nicolas

In the shadow of the refinery, an art capital is quietly beginning to grow. This is the new San Nicolas, a place that is starting to become a magnet for all that is young, cool and hip in Aruba. Indeed, San Nicolas has all of the ingredients of an emerging cultural hub — varied history, interesting architecture, and, perhaps most importantly, an urban layout that makes it walkable. As you walk around, the streets are silent but the walls are loud, filled with bright, colorful murals painted by a collection of artists from around the world. □





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Aruba and Venezuela: A Shared Heritage Beyond Borders

The narrative of Etnia Nativa (which means "Native Ethnicity") emphasizes the importance of preserving and reclaiming Aruba's cultural identity and heritage. Through this platform, it offers an authentic Indigenous perspective, educates the public, and encourages readers to embrace the role of "island caretakers."

In this new episode, we explore a shared heritage that transcends borders, linking Aruba and Venezuela.

Though our countries were colonized by different European powers, their common Indigenous roots reach as far as the mountains of Yaracuy.

In the past, contact with the mainland was a Caquetio family affair—ancestral ties and longstanding tribal relationships laid the foundation for a deep, enduring bond between the island and the continent.

Historically, Aruba functioned both as a farming outpost and a key supplier, with Venezuela as its principal trading partner. Early interactions were shaped by the Spanish encomienda system, which linked both regions through a common colonial experience. Their close proximity—just 27 kilometers apart—fostered strong maritime ties. On clear days, Santa Ana Hill in Paraguaná, Venezuela, is visible from Aruba's southern shores, a powerful reminder of their geographical and historical closeness.

In those early days, sea routes were the only way to reach Aruba, and continuous movement across the water helped preserve kinship ties. These intra-tribal trade routes facilitated economic connections that became especially important during times of hardship—such as droughts, famine, crop failures, or hurricanes—when support from the mainland was crucial for the island's survival.

A new chapter began in the mid-17th century when Aruba was seized by the Dutch. Despite the shift in colonial governance, trade between the islanders

and mainlanders persisted, sustaining vibrant cross-water interactions. Aruba became part of the Dutch West India Company (WIC) network, later evolving into a member of the Netherlands Antilles after World War II, and today stands as an autonomous country within the Kingdom of the Netherlands. Venezuela, meanwhile, remained under Spanish rule until achieving independence in the 19th century.

Due to its strategic location, Aruba also became a stopover for European ships in route to the Venezuelan coast. It played a key role in the Caribbean's maritime networks, further reinforcing its regional importance.

In the 20th century, ties between Aruba and Venezuela deepened significantly during Venezuela's oil boom. Aruba became a critical hub for refining Venezuelan crude oil with the establishment of the Lago Oil & Transport Company in San Nicolás. This development fueled Aruba's economic growth and solidified a vital energy alliance between the two territories.

Trade expanded beyond oil to include commodities, consumer goods, and services—reinforcing a relationship of economic interdependence. But the connection between Aruba and Venezuela goes far deeper than economics.

A continuous cultural exchange has helped shape a shared Caribbean identity—reflected in music, cuisine, dance, traditional medicine, religion, and other forms of artistic and spiritual expression.



Historical Footprints: From El Carrizal to Tara Tara, Coro, and Adicora (Ricla in the Papiamentu language)

One particularly significant example is El Carrizal, a town in Venezuela's Falcón State. Established during the colonial era as part of the Tara Tara complex, it was administered by Catholic priests who maintained strong ties with the native communities of Aruba.

Historical records suggest that Caquetio nobles from Aruba—Oruba at that time—were invited to migrate to El Carrizal to teach traditional crafts and skills. This interregional migration further deepened the cultural and spiritual bonds between the island and the mainland.

Check out our episode 240: "Tara Tara", which stands as a powerful testament to these enduring ties.

If you enjoyed learning about our ancestral stories and want to explore the true identity of the Aruban people firsthand, we invite you to visit Etnia Nativa—the only "living museum" of its kind in the Caribbean, reflecting the island's rich mestizaje (cultural blending).

Founded in 1994, Etnia Nativa's creator has been a cultural pioneer, co-founding key institutions such as Aruba's National Park, the Archaeological Museum, several artisan foundations, and other community-based initiatives.□

But Etnia Nativa isn't just a place — it's a gateway. Quietly tucked away near the high-rise hotels, this private residence also serves as a cultural sanctuary, unknown to most tourists. And that's part of its magic. Intentionally exclusive, it welcomes only those with a genuine curiosity and a thirst for authentic discovery.

Connect with the spirit and soul of Aruba's ancient heritage through a one-of-a-kind experience.

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Basic driving rules on Aruba: Roundabouts

(Oranjestad)—Have you ever felt confused when you're driving on the highways or backstreets of Aruba? Then we present a simple guide to some of the basic rules of Aruban traffic, along with some tips for things to look out for.

Speed limit

Legally, the speed limit on the four-lane highways is 80 km/h. This speed limit also counts for the main roads that are connected to the highways. The minimum speed is 50 km/h. Most people drive around 60 km/h on the main roads and about 70 km/h on the highways. There are also areas that indicate a speed limit on a sign; these are usually around populated and school areas.

The four-lane highways contain the left-lane, also known as the "fast" lane for each direction. Here is where vehicles can drive up to the maximum speed. However, legally it is not permitted to drive for long periods of time on the left lane. This lane is primarily designed for drivers to switch lanes before a roundabout, for example, if your exit on the roundabout is on your far left. The general lane to drive in—both at maximum and minimum speed—is on the

right lane.

Roundabouts

Speaking of roundabouts, it is important to know where you have to enter and drive on the roundabout to make your exit. A good rule of thumb is to count the exits starting from your right side. So, exit 1 would be on your right; exit 2 would be straight ahead; exit 3 would be on your far left and exit 4 would lead to the road paralleled to the one you're on, heading in the other direction.

Most roundabouts have these 4 exits, so they are relatively simple. When you're driving on the four-lane highway, it is important to know when to switch to the left lane to make your exit: if your exit is on your far left (exit 3), then you need to switch to the left lane on the high way before nearing the roundabout so you can take the path that leads you directly to your exit. If your exit is on your right or if you're going straight ahead, you can keep driving in the right lane of the highway.

It's also important to know that vehicles about to enter the roundabout must yield to those already on it. A good rule of thumb is to look out if someone is com-



ing from your left side.

However, other roundabouts can be quite tricky to navigate...

Watty Vos Boulevard (the "paperclip" roundabout)

Probably the biggest roundabout on the island, the "paperclip" roundabout on the Watty Vos Boulevard is one of the trickier roundabouts that could—and has—caused confusion among both tourists and locals. However, once you take a good look at it, it's fairly simple. The basis is just the same as a regular roundabout (left exit? left lane! etc.), but instead of having four different exits like on a regular round-

about, now you have two extra; one on the right and the other on the left side of the roundabout. The rules don't change at all, you just have to keep an extra eye open.

Airport roundabout

Ah, yes. The infamous airport roundabout. The favorite roundabout amongst local, because of its easy (hard) lanes that never (always) cause confusion among drivers. Sarcasm aside, this roundabout can be tricky to enter, especially when you're driving from the direction of the airport heading. When you're driving away from the airport reaching the roundabout, you'll be faced with three

lanes. The far right lane is to take the exit 1 out heading east (right lane of highway). The middle exit is used for exit 1 (left lane of highway), 2 and 3. The far left exit is used to only exit on exit 3 (left lane of highway) and 4.

"Las Americas" roundabout

The Las Americas roundabout is located near the Talk of the Town hotel, west from the airport roundabout. This roundabout may look like a regular roundabout—and for the most part, it is. However, when you are driving from the east going in the direction of town, please take note that there are two exits on your right.

When you're driving towards this roundabout, you'll notice that the road becomes wider, splitting into two lanes. The right lane is used to take the first and second exit on the right. If you want to exit straight ahead, you must drive on the left lane!

It's always scary to drive in new places where the traffic may look and work differently, but once you get it right once, you'll get the hang of it in no time. Additionally, all roundabouts and roads on Aruba have signs and arrows painted on the road to help guide you. So take your time, keep your eyes open and don't forget to wear a seat belt! □



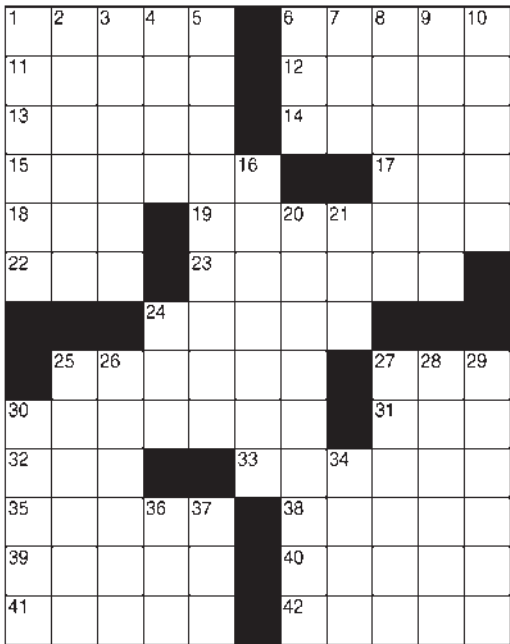
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AXYDLBAAXR
is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

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CRYPTOQUOTE

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Helpful tips for your stay on Aruba

(Oranjestad)—When traveling to another country, especially for the first time, it is always better to be over-prepared than under-prepared. That is why we have a list of basic but important information that we think may come in handy to Aruba's visitors.



Safety

Since February 2024, Aruba has been categorized as the safest country in the Caribbean by The Telegraph, and many tourist that visit have often told us how they feel safe to explore the island or walk around at night. However, rare incidents do occur, so keep yourself and your belongings safe.



Supermarket hours

Supermarket hours may vary depending on where you are staying on the island. Generally though, most supermarkets are open from 8am to 8 or 10pm, Monday through Saturday. On Sundays, supermarkets generally close earlier; mostly around 2pm.



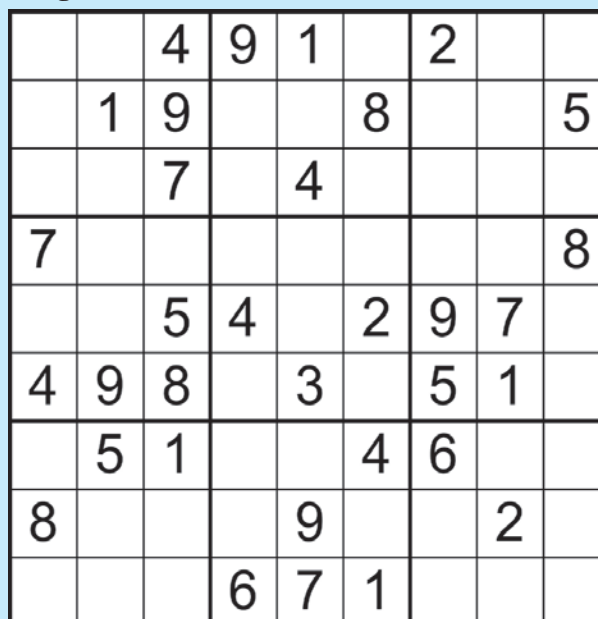
Electrical power

Aruba generally operates on 110V to 127V supply voltage and 60Hz. There are also three types of outlets used on the island: type A with two flat prongs; type B with two flat and one grounding prong, and on occasion, type F with two round prong and two earth clips on the side. However, Type A is most commonly found in homes and establishments.

SUDOKU

To play sudoku, use logic to fill the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the numbers 1-9 only once. Puzzle difficulty increases from Monday to Sunday.

King Classic Sudoku



Difficulty: ★★★

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Answer to previous puzzle

2	7	1	6	8	4	5	9	3
6	3	4	5	1	9	8	2	7
5	9	8	3	2	7	4	1	6
1	4	6	9	3	5	2	7	8
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8	5	7	2	4	6	9	3	1
3	1	9	8	6	2	7	5	4
7	6	5	4	9	3	1	8	2
4	8	2	7	5	1	3	6	9

Difficulty: ★★

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Google's Play Store shake-up looms after Supreme Court refuses to delay overhaul of the monopoly

By **MICHAEL LIEDTKE**
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The U.S. Supreme Court on Monday refused to protect Google from a year-old order requiring a major makeover of its Android app store that's designed to unleash more competition against a system that a jury declared an illegal monopoly.

The rebuff delivered in a one-sentence decision by the Supreme Court means Google will soon have to start an overhaul of its Play Store for the apps running on the Android software that powers most smartphones that compete against Apple's iPhone in the U.S.

Among other changes, U.S. District Judge James Donato last October ordered Google to give its competitors access to its entire inventory of Android apps and also make those alternative options available to download from the Play Store.

In a filing last month, Google told the U.S. Supreme Court that Donato's order would expose the Play Store's more than 100 million U.S. users to "enormous security and safety risks by enabling stores that stock malicious, deceptive, or pirated content to proliferate."

Google also said it faced an Oct. 22 deadline to begin complying with the judge's order if the Supreme Court didn't grant its request for a stay. The Mountain View, California, company was seeking the protection while pursuing a last-ditch attempt to overturn the December 2023 jury verdict that condemned the Play Store as an abusive monopoly.

In a statement, Google said it will continue its fight in the Supreme Court while submitting to what it believes is a problematic order. "The changes ordered by the U.S. District Court will jeopardize users' ability to safely download apps," Google warned.

Google had been insulated from the order while



A Google sign is displayed at the company's office in San Francisco, April 12, 2023.

Associated Press

trying to overturn it and the monopoly verdict, but the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals rejected that attempt in a decision issued two months ago.

In its filing with the Supreme Court, Google argued it was being unfairly turned into a supplier and distributor for would-be rivals.

Donato concluded the digital walls shielding the Play Store from competition needed to be torn down to counteract a pattern of abusive behavior. The conduct had enabled Google to reap billions of dollars in annual profits, primarily from its exclusive control of a payment processing system that collected a 15-30% fee on in-app transactions.

Those commissions were the focal point of an an-

titrust lawsuit that video game maker Epic Games filed against Google in 2020, setting up a month-long trial in San Francisco federal court that culminated in the jury's monopoly verdict.

Epic, the maker of the Fortnite game, lost a similar antitrust case targeting Apple's iPhone app store. Even though U.S. District Judge Yvonne Gonzalez-Rodgers concluded the iPhone app store wasn't an illegal monopoly, she ordered Apple to begin allowing links to alternative payment systems as part of a shake-up that resulted in the company being held in civil contempt of court earlier this year.

In a post, Epic CEO Tim Sweeney applauded the Supreme Court for clear-

ing the way for consumers to choose alternative app payment choices "without fees, scare screens, and friction."

Although the Play Store changes will likely dent Google's profit, the company makes most of its money from a digital ad network that's anchored by its dominant search engine the pillars of an internet empire that has been under attack on other legal fronts.

As part of cases brought by the U.S. Justice Department, both Google's search engine and parts of its advertising technology were declared illegal monopolies, too.

A federal judge in the search engine case earlier this year rejected a proposed break-up outlined by the Justice Department in a decision that was widely seen as a reprieve for Google. □



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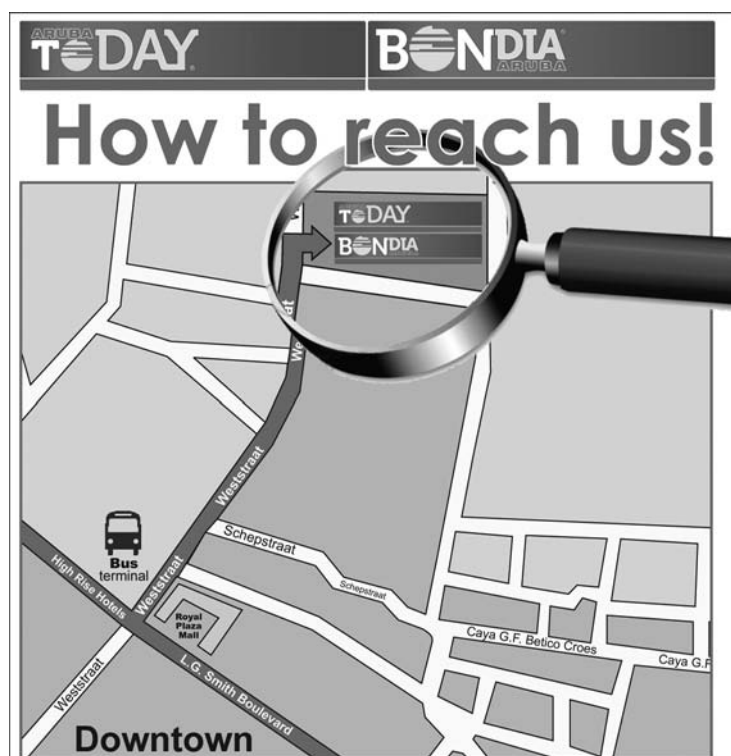
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Julia Roberts, Andrew Garfield and Ayo Edebiri on sex, lies and academics in 'After the Hunt'

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VENICE, Italy (AP) — Andrew Garfield would like everyone to know about his gesticulating. Not in his performance as a Yale philosophy professor accused of sexual misconduct in "After the Hunt," but while discussing an actor's responsibility to comment on the work they're putting out in the world.

It's a blue-sky day outside the luxurious Hotel Cipriani and Garfield is seated alongside his co-stars Julia Roberts and Ayo Edebiri discussing a film that has, for better or worse, become the topic of some spirited debates. Just a few days prior at the Venice Film Festival, journalists at a press conference asked Roberts and filmmaker Luca Guadagnino if the film undermines the feminist movement.

"I don't think it's the actor's responsibility at all to express anything in public. Ever," Garfield said, using his hands for extra emphasis. "Please, tell them about the gesticulation."

Roberts chimed in: "The hair as well." (It was bouncing).

With "After the Hunt," in theaters Friday, Guadagnino and his actors knew they were making something thorny, something challenging, about messy, imperfect people whose lives, and lies, are upended with the accusation. They were ready to own the decision to use a typeface in the opening credits made famous by Woody Allen. But they had not anticipated the anti-feminist question, which was perhaps less a question than an accusation.

"This question was so tone deaf to the movie itself," Guadagnino said. "Like, you've mistaken the subject with the object."

Trouble in the philosophy department

The film is an ensemble piece about a few characters in and around Yale whose heady philosophical chats about agency and



This image released by Amazon MGM Studios shows Ayo Edebiri, from left, Julia Roberts and director Luca Guadagnino on the set of "After the Hunt."

power become less theoretical under the glare of sticky real life dramas. Roberts plays Alma, a revered professor up for tenure alongside her colleague and flirty drinking buddy Hank (Garfield). Edebiri is a student named Maggie, a child of billionaires who everyone says is brilliant and who is a little obsessed with Alma.

After a boozy party at Alma's, Maggie comes to Alma first to tell her that Hank crossed the line. Hank denies anything happened and claims that Maggie is retaliating because he accused her of plagiarizing her thesis. No one knows quite who to believe. Alma, too, is harboring her own secrets. And everything in their world unravels in spectacularly melodramatic fashion.

Julia Roberts digs into a meaty role

The screenplay comes from Nora Garrett, who was working as a data analyst at Meta before her script caught the attention of Guadagnino and Roberts, in quick succession.

"The story really started with the character of Alma," Garrett said. "I was really interested in this idea

of a woman who had a lie or something that she was deeply ashamed of at the core of her being." But Alma's controlled compartmentalization of her past starts to unspool with Maggie's accusation. The part allows Roberts to do some of her best work in years.

"I'm saying something that might sound obvious, but she's one of the greatest stars and one of the great actresses," Guadagnino said. "The symbol, the beauty of the symbol, and at the same time the truth of the performance. She's so three-dimensional."

Roberts was particularly fascinated by Alma's relationship with her husband, Frederik, a shrink played by Guadagnino regular Michael Stuhlbarg, whose unexpected choices had her in awe.

"I did catch myself watching him a couple of times instead of being in the scene and I was just like, 'Wow, that's so (expletive) good,'" Roberts said. "And then I think, 'Oh, I have a line.'"

She added: "The big fortune of getting older is having more life experience and intellectual resources

to bring into something like this."

The Luca Guadagnino way

Guadagnino likes to shoot things quickly, which can be a little destabilizing for first timers. Garfield, who Guadagnino has been trying to work with for almost 20 years, had to do one of his most emotional scenes on his first day. He'd come straight from a very different kind of film where he was playing "a very goofy dad" and was panicked.

"I was really struggling to transition," Garfield said. "I wanted to make sure I came in as full and hot as possible. Before we had shot any takes I was just kind of pacing around just staying in (character). And then Luca comes up to me and I think he's going to give me some nugget and he's like 'Are you always going to be like this?'"

Garfield quickly came to understand that the combination of speed and lightness is part of Guadagnino's magic with actors.

"He wants urgency, he wants you to be a little bit on the balls of your feet," Garfield said. "So when it comes time to shoot, it's like the train has left the sta-

tion and you just hold on for dear life or you get taken by it in a way. That's really exciting."

Roberts didn't even remember a heated scene where she grabs Maggie by the face until she was watching the movie in Venice.

"I was so stunned," Roberts said. "I did not see that coming."

Nods to the classics

From the Woody Allen typeface to the mannered collegiate settings and intellectual conversations, the film is in many ways a throwback to classic films not just Allen's but those of Mike Nichols and Joseph L. Mankiewicz's "All About Eve" as well.

"I thought a lot about films that have been able to resist the pressure of time and to become some insightful classics," Guadagnino said.

Perhaps the most inscrutable of the bunch is Maggie. Even Edebiri said she had some trouble wrapping her head around her motivations and actions.

"She's a tricky girl," Edebiri said. "A word Luca kept using a lot in conversations was displacement. Maggie's such a displaced person psychologically, but also as a transracial adoptee, and occupying this space full of these professors who are performing." But the point for all are the questions, not the answers, and "After the Hunt" is not a film that wraps anything up in a tidy morality. Those conversations are for the audience to have.

"There are very few filmmakers who are alive for whom the priority is radical, vulnerable, unbridled self-expression and exploration and curiosity rather than something didactic," Garfield said. "The conversation is the thing, I think, that's the most we can ever dream of, that people will be confronted by their own response. The film hopefully is a mirror for every person watching, and then they can compare reflections with each other." □

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NASCAR seeks new mediator in antitrust suit as Michael Jordan's 23XI Racing pushes back

By JENNA FRYER

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CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) —

NASCAR has asked a federal court for a judicial settlement conference so that an independent judge can mediate the antitrust suit filed by Michael Jordan-owned 23XI Racing and Front Row Motorsports.

The two teams pushed back in their own late Monday night filing that it wants to continue working with mediator Jeffrey Mishkin, the former executive vice president and chief legal officer of the NBA who has been negotiating between the two sides this year.

"Mr. Mishkin has invested a great deal of time learning this case and meeting with the parties," 23XI and Front Row said in the filing. "Plaintiffs have thus requested that NASCAR continue to engage with them via Mr. Mishkin or to make a settlement offer directly to Plaintiffs' counsel, but NASCAR has not responded to those requests and instead filed this motion.

"It seems NASCAR is not happy with the diagnosis and wants to seek a second opinion."



Team owner Michael Jordan looks on during a NASCAR Cup Series auto race at Darlington Raceway, Aug. 31, 2025, in Darlington, S.C.

The teams argued Mishkin "has significant expertise in complex, sports-related antitrust disputes and has served as an arbitrator or mediator for the international Court of Arbitration for Sport, the America's Cup, FIFA, and the NFL, among others."

The teams also argue that "starting over" with a new mediator is "less likely, not more likely, to lead to reso-

lution." The dueling motions come as NASCAR seeks a summary judgement to dismiss the case before the scheduled Dec. 1 start of trial. A hearing on that motion is scheduled for Oct. 21. At issue is the protection of the charter system that is at the heart of NASCAR's business model and the focal point of the court fight. The charter system is NASCAR's version of a

franchise model. A charter guarantees owners spots in the field, a base amount of revenue each year, and according to NASCAR, has created more than \$1.5 billion in equity value for its teams since 2016.

A year ago, 13 of the 15 teams re-signed when they believed two-plus years of negotiations would not lead to a better deal. 23XI, co-owned by Jordan and

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three-time Daytona 500 winner Denny Hamlin, and Front Row Motorsports, owned by entrepreneur Bob Jenkins, went to court instead.

For months, the other 13 teams have privately complained that the lawsuit is creating uncertainty over the future of NASCAR. Mishkin has made no progress toward a settlement and NASCAR now wants a federal judge other than U.S. District Judge Kenneth Bell, who is presiding over the case, to hear both sides and advise on a resolution. Most of the top teams in NASCAR last week submitted declarations calling for a settlement and protection of the charter system, which NASCAR noted in its Monday night filing to the U.S. District Court for the Western District of North Carolina.

"The parties' readiness to resolve this matter, along with the interests of others in the sport and the Court to see this case resolved, suggest a judicial settlement conference would be a meaningful way to facilitate a settlement," NASCAR wrote. □

Wimbledon champion Iga Swiatek advances in the Wuhan Open

WUHAN, China (AP) — Iga Swiatek powered her way to the third round of the WTA's 1,000-level Wuhan Open on Tuesday with a straight sets win against Marie Bouzkova.

Wimbledon champion Swiatek bounced back impressively after her fourth round exit at the China Open last week, winning 6-1, 6-1 against the Czech opponent.

The victory was the six-time grand slam winner's 60th this year and the fourth year in a row she has reached that figure.

"Every tournament I go to, I want to play my best game," said Swiatek. "Sometimes I deliver, sometimes not, but, yeah, my expectation is to just do my best.

"Honestly, I don't set goals

like semifinal or whatever just really making it step by step."

No. 2 seed Swiatek will play Belinda Bencic or Elise Mertens in the next round. Earlier Emma Raducanu retired ill from her first round match. The British No. 1 and former U.S. Open champion had her blood pressure checked and temperature taken in her match against American Ann Li.

Li was winning 6-1 4-1 when Raducanu retired and will play No. 9 seed Ekaterina Alexandrova in the second round.

Naomi Osaka dropped the first set before rallying to beat Leylah Fernandez 4-6, 7-5, 6-3 to advance to the second round.

Osaka was back in the central Chinese city for the first time since 2017 and,

in the day's first match on center court, facing the player who produced a major upset to beat her at the 2021 U.S. Open.

Fernandez, who was de-

feated by Raducanu in the U.S. Open final four years ago, converted one of her two first-set breakpoint chances and served consistently. But Osaka

stepped up pressure on the service returns in the second set, which featured five service breaks, and finished over the top of the 2021 U.S. Open finalist.

In other early matches, Sofia Kenin edged Anastasia Zakharova 3-6, 7-6 (5), 6-3 to set up a second-round meeting against No. 16 Liudmila Samsonova, who beat Emiliana Arango 6-1, 7-5.

No. 2 Iga Swiatek was scheduled to make her Wuhan tournament debut in a second-round match against Marie Bouzkova in the night session.

Top-ranked Aryna Sabalenka and No. 3 Coco Gauff were due to open Wednesday. No. 4 Amanda Anisimova, the runner-up at both the U.S. □



Fans of Iga Swiatek, of Poland reacts after scoring a point against Yuan Yue, of China during the women's singles match for the China Open tennis tournament, at the National Tennis Center, in Beijing, Saturday, Sept. 27, 2025.

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Trevor Lawrence's heroic touchdown caps NFL's record-tying week of double-digit comebacks

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Not even three-time Super Bowl champion Patrick Mahomes was immune to the colossal comebacks that defined Week 5 in the NFL.

Trevor Lawrence rallied Jacksonville from a 14-0 deficit and scored the winning touchdown after getting stepped on by his right guard, falling back down, getting back up, slipping a tackle and diving into the end zone to give the Jaguars a wild 31-28 win over the mistake-prone Kansas City Chiefs on Monday night.

"It (stinks) when you get a lead like that and you're not able to hold it throughout the rest of the game,"



Jacksonville Jaguars quarterback Trevor Lawrence (16) runs for a touchdown during the second half of an NFL football game against the Kansas City Chiefs, Monday, Oct. 6, 2025, in Jacksonville, Fla.

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Mahomes said after the Chiefs, who went 11-0 in one-score games last season, fell to 0-3 in such games this season.

The Eagles, Cardinals, Dolphins, Giants and Chargers knew exactly how Mahomes felt.

They also let double-digit leads slip away in Week 5 when a record-tying six teams lost after leading by double digits.

The six-pack of double-digit comebacks or pratfalls, if you prefer marked the sixth week in NFL history in which a half dozen teams had comeback wins after trailing by double digits.

It also happened in 1984, 1999, 2002, 2011 and 2013. The Chiefs had been 62-4 in games with Mahomes at QB after leading by 14-plus points and their loss at Jacksonville snapped a 23-game winning streak

in which they led by 14 or more points, dating to the 2021 AFC championship.

The Jaguars joined the Broncos, Commanders, Panthers, Titans and Saints in roaring back after falling behind big.

The Broncos handed the reigning Super Bowl champion Philadelphia Eagles their first loss by overcoming a 17-3 deficit with 18 unanswered points in the fourth quarter. Denver improved to 2-112 on the road when entering the fourth quarter trailing by 14-plus points.

Cam Ward got his first career win by rallying the Titans back from a 18-point deficit to beat Arizona 22-21.

The Panthers overcome a 17-point deficit to beat Miami 27-24; the Saints overcome an 11-point deficit to beat the New York Giants 26-14 and the Commanders clawed back from a 10-point hole by scoring 27 unanswered points against the Chargers.

Another defining moment in the Jaguars' comeback aside from Lawrence's eventful game-winning touchdown run was linebacker Devin Lloyd's 99-yard pick-six that broke a 14-14 tie.

Lloyd jumped the route at the 1 and eluded a diving Mahomes at the Jacksonville 12 on his way down the sideline to the end zone for the longest play in the NFL so far this season.

The Chiefs fell to 2-3. They didn't suffer their third loss last year until they were walloped 40-22 by the Eagles in the Super Bowl.

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The wacky weekend began with San Francisco's 26-23 overtime win against the Los Angeles Rams on Thursday night which featured an early 14-0 lead for the 49ers before the Rams made a game of it.

The NHL's Colorado Avalanche were in town and donned Rams jerseys for a group picture before the game, which didn't sit well with sports fans in Denver. The photo op might make business sense Stan Kroenke owns the Rams and Avalanche along with the NBA's Denver Nuggets but it was a public relations landmine considering the social media backlash it engendered.

"To be honest, I understand it," Avalanche captain Gabriel Landeskog said Monday.

"Colorado fans are passionate. To me, I didn't watch the NFL until I came here in 2011."